

## HONORING SIDNY ZINK

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a selfless community servant from my district, Sidney Zink of Durango, Colorado. An active member of the Leadership La Plata organization, Sidney was recently honored with the "Barbara Conrad Award," which recognizes a person who donates numerous hours to their community. Today I would like to join with the Durango Area Chamber of Commerce in honoring Sidney's commitment and recognizing this distinct honor.

A longtime resident of Durango, Sidney is widely known for her dedication to community service. Sidney has been active in a number of committees and organizations, such as the Big Brothers Big Sisters foundation, Community Development Corporation, the La Plata Homebuilders Society, and the Community Development Corporation. While Sidney has worked vigorously for the community, she spends much of her time with Leadership La Plata, learning how new issues could affect her community.

Mr. Speaker, in a recent ceremony in Durango, last year's recipient of the "Barbara Conrad Award" Ed Morlan passed on the award in recognition of Sidney's commitment to the community. I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Sidney's civic-mindedness and in recognizing this prestigious honor. Congratulations and thanks again, Sidney, for the many years of service you have given the Durango community.

## STATEMENT RECOGNIZING DR. CHARLES CARPENTER FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

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Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Charles C.J. Carpenter, who received the John E. Fogarty Recognition award for his lifelong achievements in global health on May 29. This prestigious honor, given by the National Institute of Health's John E. Fogarty International Center, recognizes Dr. Carpenter's career in research to combat major diseases in developing countries and his involvement in training future generations of researchers in international health. Dr. Carpenter is a Professor of Medicine at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and formerly the Physician-in-Chief of Brown University's Miriam Hospital.

Born in Savannah, GA, Dr. Carpenter received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University and a medical degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He began his medical career at Johns Hopkins, where he later served as a faculty member. He started the Johns Hopkins Cholera Research Program, which was located in Calcutta, India, and researched the treatment of cholera in children and adults. He served for 12 years as Professor and Chairman of the Department of

Medicine at Case Western Reserve University before joining the medical faculty at Brown University in 1986. At Brown, he became involved with the clinical management of persons living with HIV/AIDS, and is currently the Principal Investigator of the Lifespan/Tufts/Brown Center for AIDS Research. Dr. Carpenter has also written many notable publications on his research from cholera to HIV/AIDS.

The John E. Fogarty International Center plays a vital role in the United States' response to global challenges in health. The late John Fogarty served as Representative from the 2nd District of Rhode Island and was a lifelong advocate of promoting the study of global health problems. Dr. Carpenter has consistently shown that same vision by taking on the challenge of disease prevention throughout the global community. He has shown himself to be a notable leader on seeking out ways to better the entire global community, and by doing so, has left his mark on international health.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I hope our colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Carpenter on his lifetime of achievements.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, with great disappointment I was unable to be present on Tuesday, June 24 to speak and vote in favor of H.R. 2555, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

The terrorist attacks on and following September 11 highlighted our vulnerability to attack on our soil, and exposed a new enemy with a desire to harm the United States and the American people. Our swift efforts at bolstering our domestic security have resulted in the prevention of further domestic incidents. It is this absence of occurrences that confirms our success. We cannot, however, become complacent in this success and must remain committed to securing our homeland.

Our Nation continually faces new and previously unfamiliar domestic threats that are more severe than ever before. Local governments cannot be expected to bear the new financial burdens that accompany their extensive and important new detection, prevention, and emergency management responsibilities. Funding must come from the Federal Government in this matter of national security.

When I was a Florida State Senator I chaired the Senate Homeland Security Committee following September 11. Florida was the state that initiated the drive to secure federal funds for first responders. Because we had to deal with so many natural disasters, we know the many benefits of well-trained, well-equipped first responders. Local governments cannot be expected to bear the new financial burdens that accompany their extensive and important new responsibilities. Funding must come from the Federal Government in this matter of national security.

I applaud Chairman ROGERS, Chairman YOUNG, and the entire Appropriations Sub-

committee on Homeland Security for their excellent work in producing the first ever Homeland Security Appropriations bill. I am so pleased that my colleagues in Congress share my concern for the priority that is Homeland Security, and that consequently, the Appropriations Act passed 425-2.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO PATTI O'ROURKE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the life and memory of an outstanding woman from my district. Patti O'Rourke of Pueblo, Colorado made tremendous contributions during her lifetime to her community and served as leader and role model for many.

Patti graduated from law school at Fordham University in 1944 and went to work with a firm on Wall Street. She later became one of the first women to practice law in Pueblo County, Colorado, and in 1981, became the county's first female judge. Patti's reputation as a fair and caring judge, as well as her lifelong commitment to community service, was well known. She donated countless hours to a variety of causes that are too numerous to mention. In short, Patti served on many community boards, worked tirelessly to support family court reforms, and took up the cause for senior citizens. Even after leaving full-time service on the bench, Patti's interest in serving others prompted her to travel to Denver several times a week to help alleviate a large backlog of cases.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the life and memory of Patti O'Rourke before this body of Congress and this nation today. By reaching heights no other woman had attained, Patti became a pioneer who blazed a trail other women could follow. By giving so much of herself to the community, Patti became a public servant and a beacon for everyone in Pueblo, the State of Colorado, and our nation to follow. Patti left the world a better place; she will be missed by her family, friends, and the many people whose lives she impacted for the better.

## HONORING PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE TIFFANY BROWN

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Miss Tiffany Brown, a constituent of mine from the Bronx, NY. Tiffany is graduating this year with honors from Preston High School in the Bronx.

Mr. Speaker, we hear so much these days about students not being interested in community service and not being interested in politics and public service, but Tiffany is the exception, not the rule. While in school at Preston, she interned with New York State Assemblyman Steve Kaufman, interned with the Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club, was a CCD